

David Erwin, AFIERA director passes away

Dr. David Noel Erwin, director of the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis, passed away June 1. He was 55. Erwin battled cancer for some time.

"Dave Erwin was one of the strongest scientists, innovators, and leaders I've ever met, a peerless professional and a truly marvelous human being," said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander. "His passing leaves a major hole in all our lives. We loved him and will dearly miss him. Our prayers go out to his family."

Born on Christmas Day 1945 in Oklahoma, Erwin was a U.S. Navy electronics technician in Vietnam where he served on a riverboat on the Mekong River.

Following his Navy service he earned a Ph.D. in physiology and biophysics from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Erwin, who enjoyed golf, was an avid scuba diver, Eagle Scout and a classical musician, began his Air Force civil service career at Brooks in 1977, initially serving as a research physicist working in the radio frequency radiation program.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez

It won't bite

Capt. Robert Gholson, an instructor at the U. S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, holds out his hand to let students at the Lackland Intermediate School touch a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. Gholson, who provides lectures on

entomology, public health and preventive medicine, visited the Lackland Air Force Base school as part of Career Day on May 25. Speakers from Brooks have reached nearly 2,000 students this year through the base speakers bureau, a program managed by public affairs.

AFRL-Marine Corps MOA fosters new era in non-lethal weapons research

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

The Air Force Research Laboratory and the Department of Defense Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program Integrated Product Team, known as JNLWP-IPT, signed an historic agreement Thursday at Brooks.

The agreement launched a new era for non-lethal weapons development by the establishment of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Human Effects Center of Excellence, or JNLW-HECOE.

Marine Corps Col. George Fenton, director, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, on behalf of the chair of the JNLWP-IPT, Lt. Gen. Emil Bedard, deputy commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations; and Brig. Gen. Paul Nielsen, Air Force Research Laboratory commander, signed a Memorandum of Agreement.

The ceremony was held at the Frank M. Tejeda Directed Energy Bioeffects Laboratory where the new Human Ef-

fects Center of Excellence is located.

The agreement formalizes a decision made last year by the Marine Corps, as executive agent for non-lethal weapons research that created the JNLW-HECOE within AFRL.

AFRL's Human Effectiveness Directorate was selected to manage the new human effects center on the strength of its many contributions to non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation research conducted here since 1968.

Since 1994, Tri-Service radio frequency radiation and laser human effects research here has made Brooks the world's largest research center for assessing human effects of directed energy.

On-going AFRL non-lethal weapons human effects studies include acoustic, ki-

netic and TASER (stun gun) research.

Fenton emphasizes that establishing credible human effects characteristics is the foundation and a core element of the JNLW program, providing value-added to the materiel developers and users in the field.

"This (JNLW-HECOE) is one-of-a-kind in the world. The center will act as the central repository of human effects data, will analyze human effects (research) for non-lethal weapons program managers, and will coordinate human effects modeling and research efforts," said Dr. Michael Murphy, chief of JNLW-HECOE.

Murphy's team consists of associate chief Dr. B. Jon Klauenberg and several civilian contractors.

The center's primary mission is to serve as a DoD resource on human effects data during the entire life cycle of non-lethal weapons development and acquisition.

The JNLW-HECOE is tasked to assess both effectiveness and risk of unintended effects for all non-lethal candidate weapon systems.

Murphy, who is also Radio Frequency Radiation Branch chief for AFRL's Human Effectiveness Directorate, said, "This (center) fits into City Base as Brooks becomes an even broader center for research. I believe this agreement is the foundation for a lot of additional research work."

Besides DoD benefiting from non-lethal weapons human effects research here, other federal agencies potentially could benefit as well including the Justice Department and Department of Transportation, Murphy said.

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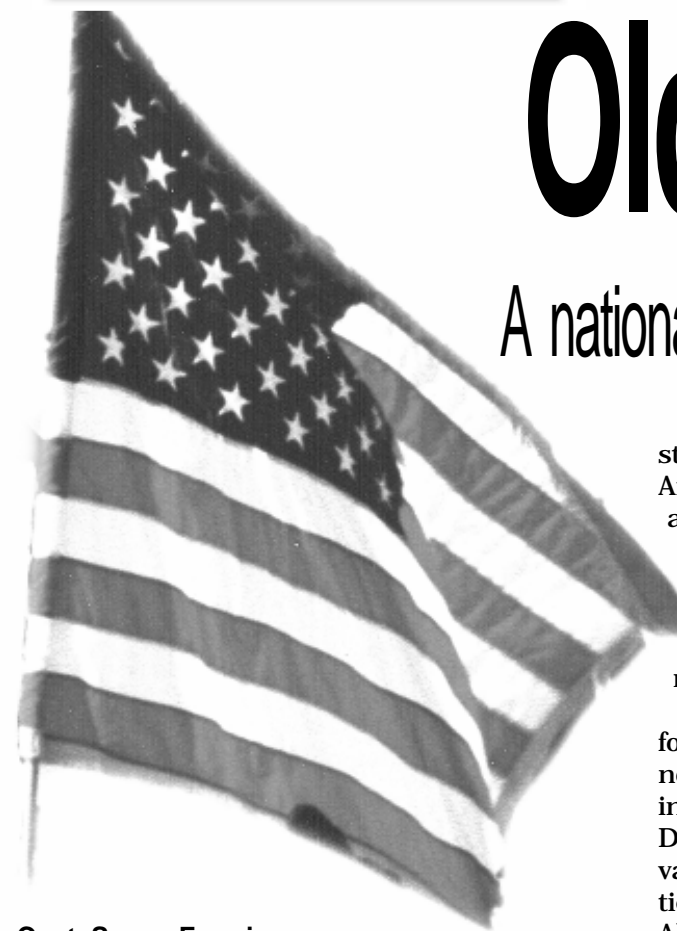
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By Capt. Sonya Ferreira,

Chief, Brooks Military Equal Opportunity

From a young age, we are taught to pledge allegiance to the flag that symbolizes independence, freedom, and equality in America. The American flag is a sign of hope for our armed forces, who in times of war fight valiantly to protect the American way of life.

It is a symbol of pride offered to family members whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a symbol that commands our honor and respect because it represents Americans and all we stand for throughout the world.

The American flag is a sign of strength because it embodies the American ideals of freedom, equality, and infinite dignity for all people.

Gen. George Washington first organized the Continental Army and raised the Continental Colors in January 1776. The first red-and-white thirteen striped flag with the British Union Jack in the upper left corner marked the formation of this union.

Old Glory

A national symbol of freedom, equality

Since then the U.S. flag has evolved into 50 stars and 13 stripes that represent a unified America. The white stripes represent the purity and serenity of our nation; the red stripes represent the bloodshed of Americans who died to secure our liberty. The white stars represent states of the union and symbolize the purity, liberty and freedom within our nation. The royal blue symbolizes freedom and justice.

The Continental Congress adopted the pattern for the U.S. flag in 1777 but the first Flag Day was not celebrated until the centennial of its existence in 1877. President Harry Truman signed Flag Day into legislation making it a national observance. Now, Americans all over the country participate in the Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance Flay Day to honor the ultimate symbol of our freedom, unity, and all we have achieved as Americans.

This year the U.S. flag will celebrate it's 223rd birthday on June 14. The author of the original "Pledge of Allegiance," Francis Bellamy, envisioned flags flown over every school and public building from coast to coast.

The first "human flag" was displayed at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Md., in September 1914. Today, thousands of school children representing different colors, ethnicities, and religious beliefs are uniting to create a "Living American Flag", that reflects our multicultural society.

Not only is Old Glory flown throughout America, but its meaning is engrafted in our hearts. We will never forget the people, from all walks of life who came before us, stood in the face of adversity, and declared freedom and equality for all Americans.

Today, the flag still waves as a living memorial to all who died and those who live to carry out the ideals of freedom.

The expeditionary story — it's everyone's responsibility

By Lt. Col. Bryan A. Holt

U.S. Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — What is the Air Force's Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept all about? Depending on where you are in the Air Force, this may be a very easy or a very difficult question to answer.

But no matter where you are, knowing the EAF story is everyone's responsibility. Ask yourself a few simple questions: How is my basic AEF knowledge? Can I explain the EAF/AEF? If you can not answer these questions, just remember that the EAF is the new way the Air Force does business, and don't forget "10-3-15."

As stated in the Air Force vision, the EAF consists of 10 Aerospace Expeditionary Forces, each capable of the full spectrum of aerospace operations, and eligible to deploy once for three months in the 15 month AEF cycle.

Included are 10 combat AEF lead wings, five lead mobility wings, and two permanently on-call aerospace expeditionary wings at Seymour-Johnson Air



Photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Fidler

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bomber is refueled over France by a KC-135 Stratotanker from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Wing, McGuire Air Force Base. The B-1B is assigned to the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Bomb Wing, McConnell AFB. The KC-135 is temporarily assigned to the 16th Expeditionary Operations Group, a small U.S. Air Force detachment located in France.

Force Base, N.C., and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Since the end of the Cold War, with one-third fewer people and two-thirds less overseas basing, the Air Force has deployed four times more frequently.

The increased operational tempo has affected readiness, retention, recruitment and

modernization. To put it simply, the Air Force just could not continue to do business as usual.

I challenge you to learn more about the EAF/AEF and how your new 21st Century Air Force does business. Whether you are home-stationed or at a deployed location, knowing the Air Force expeditionary story is everyone's responsibility.



Brooks ceremony makes time ‘stand still’ for 50 years

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

When people open the Millennium time capsule 50 years from now, they'll find frozen in time evidence that Brooks had been the Air Force's preeminent aerospace composite medical wing. Future generations were ensured of that perspective when Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, and the Millennium Project Committee unveiled the 21st century time capsule at a Hangar 9 ceremony May 23.

Dodd noted that the time capsule is a snapshot of the people of Brooks and their many contributions supporting the Air Force mission. About 150 people attended the ceremony including two former Brooks commanders, retired Lt. Gen. George Schafer and Maj. Gen. Howard Unger.

"They are heroes of mine. It is so marvelous to have them here today and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander (left) and members of the Millennium Project Committee, unveil a time capsule in a Hangar 9 ceremony May 23.

have them contribute to our time capsule," Dodd said.

Artifacts included dozens of unit coins, photos and Air Force officer and enlisted rank insignia. Among interesting items were a Brooks bumper sticker, a Challenger Learning Center class mission patch, a Hangar 9 nail and screw, a "Save Hangar 9" button from the 1969 renovation project, baseball caps from various base organiza-

tions and a U.S. flag provided by Congressman Ciro Rodriguez that was flown over both the U.S. Capitol and Brooks.

Dodd revealed the identity of the 'mystery object' placed in the time capsule with an accompanying riddle to help decipher its meaning. The object is a key to a black light switch at the Challenger Learning Center.

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Mystery object guesses

"The object depicted on the front page of the Friday, May 11, 2001, Discovery looks like a tool for operating a protected light switch. These light switches are typically installed in public locations but not for public use. The device depicted is used as a key for operating such switches, thus "turning night into day". I have not actually walked the path specified in the riddle, but suspect that this particular light key must illuminate one of the outside displays, maybe the F-100 near the main gate?"

Bob Gallaway
Litton/TASC

"The 'mystery object' is part of a mask that pilots use."

Senior Airman Conrad Hernandez
311th Communications Squadron

"The object is a mouth piece that went into an astronaut's mouth (left side of picture is piece that went into mouth). "

Tech. Sgt. Michael Alberthal
Randolph Air Force Base

"The mystery object is the mouthpiece football players use to protect their teeth."

Senior Airman Laura Paul
Air Force Research Laboratory



May Yards of the Month

(Top photo) Tech. Sgt. Dora Caniglia, of the Air Force Research Laboratory, receives May Yard of the Month honors from 1st Lt. Thomas Jost, 311th Air Base Group executive officer. Caniglia resides at 101 Mendoza. Meanwhile, Airman 1st Class Randy Blevins, of the 68th Information Operations Squadron, and his family, accept May Yard of the Month honors for their residence at 113 Skaggs. Yard of the month winners receive a \$25 gift certificate from Services and a \$10 gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. They also receive a flag and certificate.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Jasper wins second AF EEO award

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Neda Jasper knows that balance in life, especially when applied to equal opportunity situations, is essential for success. Her devotion to balancing responsibilities as Brooks Black Employment Program manager recently helped earn her a second Air Force Distinguished Equal Opportunity Award.

Jasper said the support she has received from supervisors and co-workers was instrumental in her winning the 2000 award, as well as in 1998. "I've had very supportive supervisors including Carol Lundin, Joyce Peavy, Mel Waldeir and Susan Baker," Jasper said, referring to the time they gave her to fulfill BEP work, a collateral (extra) duty. Jasper is a human resource specialist for the 311th Human Systems Wing's Human Resources Directorate.

She also credits BEP committee members for their contributions to award-winning initiatives the group planned and implemented. Committee members include Mary Hyman, Systems Acquisition School; Alice Sanders, 311th HSW Program Office; Emily Aponte, 311th HSW Plans and Programs Directorate; Germaine Miller and Rita Lassiter, 311th HSW Contracting Office; and Fred Washington, Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

"We focused our attention on training the Brooks community



“What I’ve learned from being BEP manager is that God places you where He wants you to be.”

Neda Jasper
Brooks Black Employment Program manager

in areas that would make them competitive in both the public and private sector," she said. Her innovative "Show Me the Money" small business seminar, and its sequel "Starting Your Own Business," provided the Brooks civilian and military workforce with dynamic, cutting-edge training. Additionally, she was instrumental in two other major training sessions held here: the USAA-conducted "Change Management" workshop and a semi-

nar on "Developing Employment Strategies for the New Millennium conducted by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Jasper also sponsored "Statistical Profile" training for San Antonio's black employment program managers that featured methods for interpreting statistical employment data involving under-representation.

At least five new jobs resulted from her work in disseminating 120 vacancy announcements nationwide that she discovered through partnerships she formed while attending the Federal Women's and Blacks in Government Training conferences.

Jasper's community advocacy included helping the Alamo Workforce Development Center place 202 young adults participating in a summer work program in skill-enhancing jobs, 27 of which were at Brooks.

She also spearheaded a community-based book drive to replace worn-out books at Gates Elementary School and Wheatley Middle School and is currently working with the Battered Women's Shelter to provide that organization with clothing and accessories.

"What I've learned from being BEP manager is that God places you where He wants you to be," said the Denver, Colo., native who has served here for the past seven years.

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Today

Brooks annual picnic

11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the picnic grounds

Food ... Fun ... Games for everyone!



Air Force Mental Health clinics get new name

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Searles
*Air Force Surgeon General
Public Affairs*

Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton Jr. signed a memorandum May 22 requiring each Air Force Mental Health clinic to change its name to Life Skills Support Center. The renaming takes effect immediately and is at the direction of the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael Ryan.

“Renaming mental health clinics is an important first step in helping to reduce the stigma associated with mental health services,” said Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who is the Air Force’s suicide prevention program manager at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

“Receiving ‘mental health’ services has been seen as career damaging by many airmen,” said Talcott. “This perception exists despite the fact that 97 percent of airman who

voluntarily seek help suffer no duty limitations.”

Many clinics offer a variety of services aimed at helping people better cope with the stresses of daily life, said Talcott. “However, some people feel as though their problems have to be very serious before seeking help.”

Stress management and conflict resolution classes are just two examples of the many services offered at some Life Skill Support Centers that could be beneficial to all.

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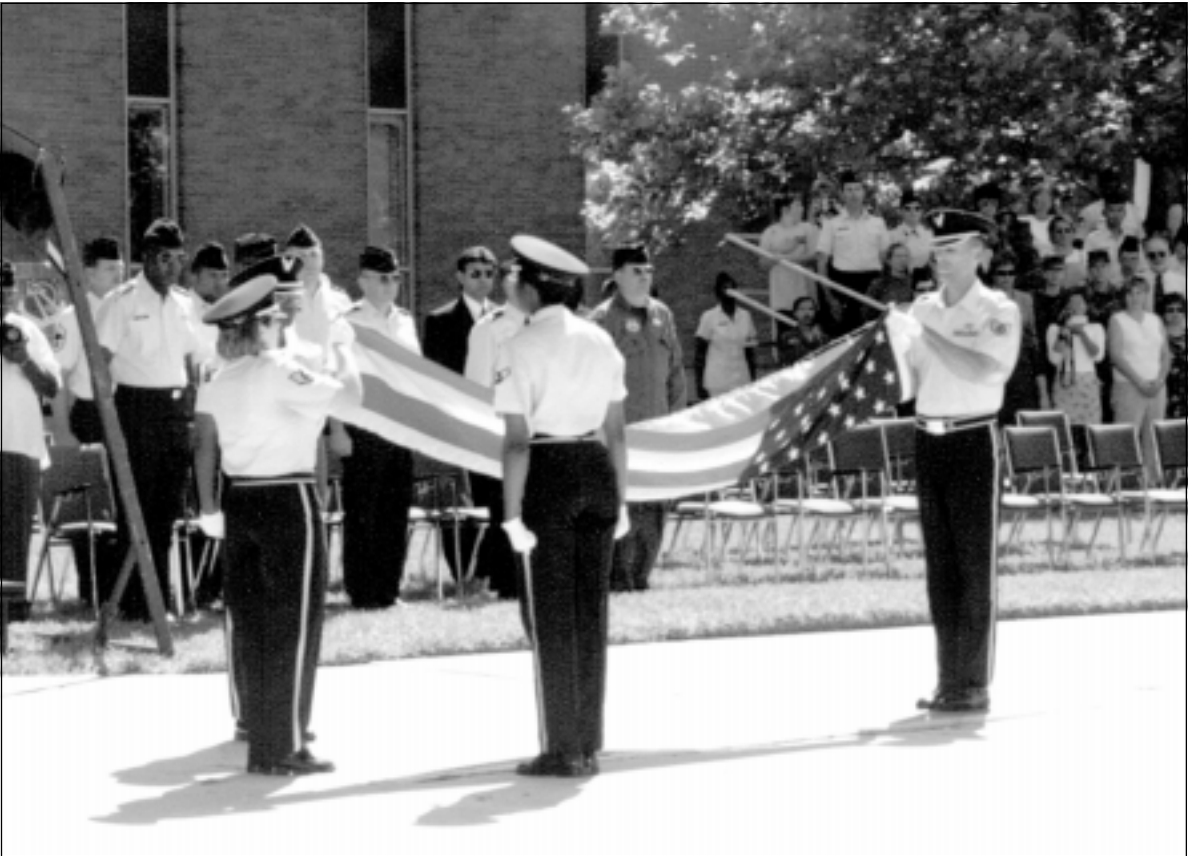


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Paying tribute to the flag

Brooks Honor Guard members fold the American Flag during the quarterly base-wide retreat in front of Bldg. 150, May 24. The Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis led the retreat, which featured representatives from each base organization as well as a veterans flight from San Antonio and a pass and review in observance of Memorial Day.



Brooks leads the way for DOD's "messaging ahead" strategy

By Tech. Sgt Jay Wilson
311th Communications Squadron

The Department of Defense has taken on the huge challenge of scrapping its primary system of message exchange that's been in existence for more than 62 years. The system, also known as the Automatic Digital Network, or AUTODIN, was manpower-intensive, error-prone, expensive, and simply out of step with today's technology.

Out with the old, and in with the new. The solution: DoD Defense Message System, or DMS.

In a nutshell, this system allows the customer secure, "author to reader" messaging capabilities right from the convenience of a desktop computer. It's as easy to use as regular Outlook e-mail. In fact, it is e-mail, but with a bit of a twist.

No longer are customers required to go through the sometimes painstakingly process of creating message diskettes, locating a base message center, and then hoping their messages successfully reach their destination.

DMS offers the customer guaranteed receipts of delivery and non-delivery.

Additionally, and unlike AUTODIN, DMS standardizes messaging operations between all branches of DoD, and it's entities. DMS also allows the customer to transfer file attachments; another feature not found in AUTODIN.

Recently, and for its efforts in this new strategy, Brooks had a series of firsts. The base became the first Air Force Base to win one of DoD's "DMS Pioneer Awards." At a conference held recently in Norfolk, Va., one award per service branch was given.

Brooks' DMS team, known as, "The Brooks DMS Strike Force," was represented by two of its five mem-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

The Brooks DMS Strike Force installs and tests new software. Left to right are: Senior Airman Linda Twilleager, Airman 1st Class Jessica Hepworth, Senior Airman Ryan Worthey (team lead), Airman 1st Class Benjamin Otero and Airman 1st Class Michael Wilms.

ber team. Senior Airmen Ryan Worthey and Linda Twilleager attended, and accepted the award.

Brooks was cited for converting more than 95 percent of its units to the new system and exceeding DoD's original date for full conversion to DMS. Another first, was the four DMS customer classes that were held on base.

Classes were open to the entire base populace and were designed to introduce users to the functionality of DMS. Attendees were also allowed actual, hands-on familiarization training.

Maj. Tim D. Hartje, 311th Communications Squadron commander, attended one of the base training sessions. He reiterated that the Brooks DMS effort is setting the standard within DoD. The major added, "We have an exceptional crew, doing an exceptional job."

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The DMS Strike Force, consisting of Worthey (team lead), Twilleager, Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Otero, Jessica Hepworth and Michael Wilms are available to offer DMS classes, demonstrations, and if necessary, to ensure that each unit remains in step with the future by being DMS-compliant.

For information or assistance, contact the DMS team at 536-2114.

Erwin

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In 1996 he attained the civil service equivalent of general officer rank as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Erwin was a consummate scientist whose expertise in and knowledge of the biological effects of radio frequency radiation was complete. He made outstanding and lasting contributions to the field of bioelectromagnetics.

He was a pioneer in the international effort to harmonize standards for human health and safety exposure to microwave and other electromagnetic emitters, in order to foster interoperability of allied weapons, radars and other electromagnetic systems.

Erwin was instrumental in helping establish the "Project Reliance" Directed Energy Bioeffects Research group here, a major contributor to the studies of ultraviolet, visible, and infrared portions of electromagnetic spectrum.

He brought together in one organization, world class Army, Navy and Air Force scientists who work on radio frequency radiation bioeffects, sub-cellular, cellular, whole organism levels, millimeter wave frequency, and high power microwave radiation on ocular and nervous system functions.



Erwin

Erwin's vision, energy and enthusiasm formed the current AFIERA in 1997 from components of Armstrong Laboratory and the Human Systems Center.

He created an organization committed to customer service and high professional standards. His vision included expanding AFIERA's capability through partnerships with other federal agencies and academic institutions.

Erwin held firm to the belief that AFIERA had a responsibility to lever-

age its resources, capability and knowledge with like-minded institutions. AFIERA is the organization it is today because of Dr Erwin's commitment and leadership.

During a 1997 newspaper interview Erwin praised his Brooks colleagues, saying, "I really enjoyed working with a lot of people who I consider as having the best minds in the world."

He was accorded full military honors at the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston. A memorial services was also held Tuesday at the Brooks Chapel.

Erwin is survived by his wife Kathy Cooke of San Antonio; daughters Shannon Erwin and Kerry Butters of Tulsa, Okla; mother, Emily Margaret Erwin of Oklahoma City; sister, Deanna Allen of Oklahoma City; brothers Phillip Erwin of Clermont, Calif., and Michael Erwin of Norman, Okla.

The family has requested that donations be made in support of the Challenger Learning Center of San Antonio.

Checks in support of the CLC should be made out to the Brooks Aerospace Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 35400, Brooks Air Force Base, TX, 78235.

For more information, call 531-9767.



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Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd
311th Human Systems Wing commander

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Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

Sponsor training

10-11 a.m., June 11, Bldg. 538 — In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3011, sponsor training is mandatory of all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored within the past year. However, others are more than welcome to attend. Learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

Smooth move

1230-3 p.m., June 12, Bldg 538 — Will you have a permanent change of station soon? Hear briefings from the traffic management office, legal, clinic, finance, hous-

ing and the family support center at the next smooth move seminar. This session is open to all active duty members, Department of Defense civilians, and spouses.

PCS overseas

3-4 p.m., June 12, Bldg 538 — Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges and opportunities. Learn more about your overseas PCS by attending the smooth move seminar and staying after for this PCS overseas class.

Finance checkup

11 a.m.-1 p.m., June 13, Bldg 538 — This class is designed to provide a quick, simple way for individuals or families to annually evaluate their overall financial situation, to help identify areas of inadequacy and to create goals and a budget to eliminate those inadequacies.



First termers orientation

8 a.m.-noon, June 14, Bldg 538 — This personal financial management program class is mandatory for members whose first duty station is Brooks. Learn how to balance work and life and receive survival tips for staying on the right track financially.

Learn how to apply basic money management skills and become acquainted with the PFMP services available at Brooks.



Blood donations

The 101 Critical Days of Summer can also apply to the critical shortage of blood during the summer months. The bloodmobile will visit the Brooks Club, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., June 21. All Brooks members are encouraged to come out and give blood - the gift of life. For more information, contact Senior Airman Sarah Taylor at 536-3743 or Staff Sgt. Angela Yuhas at 536-8385.

TRICARE briefings

TRICARE briefings will be presented at three San Antonio military installations this summer. The two-hour briefings cover health care options for active duty and retired military members and their families.

Briefings will be held on these dates:
July 12 - 1 p.m., Randolph Air Force Base Family Support Center, Bldg. 693, F Street West.

Aug. 3 - 10:30 a.m., Lackland Base Exchange TRICARE booth.

Aug. 9 - 5 p.m., Brooke Army Medical Center Auditorium, Fort Sam Houston

Individuals can enroll in TRICARE Prime at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall Medical Center, and the Brooks, Kelly, and Randolph clin-

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ics. Enrollment is also possible through Network Civilian Primary Care Providers. For additional information regarding these briefings, call (800) 406-2832.

Study materials access

Effective with the 02XX cycles, all promotion eligible members must have a minimum of 60 days' access to study materials prior to testing. Current minimum requirement is 30 days. Where there is a delay in receipt of materials through no fault of the member, he or she will not be required to test until having received 60 days' study time. For more information, contact the military personnel flight promotions section at 536-3399.

Testing window changes

The new senior master sergeant testing window of Jan. 10-24 is effective with senior master sergeant cycle 02E8 testing in 2002. The master sergeant/technical sergeant testing window will slip 15 days from Feb. 1 - March 15 to the new testing window of Feb. 15 - March 31 effective with master ser-

geant/technical sergeant cycles 02E6/02E7 testing in 2002.

Testing for staff sergeant will slip an entire month. Senior airmen will now test for staff sergeant during the month of May effective with staff sergeant promotion cycle 02E5 testing in 2002.

For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Kelly Leslie at 536-3399 or by e-mail at: kelly.leslie@brooks.af.mil.

Long distance calls

To all Conus/International Long Distance Users and Telephone Control Officers: Effective June 1 the procedures for placing CONUS or international long distance calls have changed slightly. Any Brooks customer with a valid personal identification number is able to place official long distance calls from base telephones.

Prior to implementing the change, international calls were required to be placed by the base operators. Customers may now place calls directly. This transition makes it more convenient for customers and saves approximately one-third of the cost of international call charges. Call 536-6571.

Lackland expo

Lackland Air Force Base's 37th Communication Squadron holds the seventh annual communications and information systems expo, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., June 20 in Mitchell Hall. The expo is free and open to all Department of Defense, government and contract members. Vendors will displaying the latest in technology and products. For more information, call toll free (877) 332-3976 or by e-mail at: dflemister@erols.com

Centrifuge test subjects

Scientists at Brooks conduct research benefiting aircrew of high performance aircraft such as the F-15, F-16, F-22, and Joint Strike Fighter. A number of ongoing acceleration research projects that require participation of volunteer subjects are needed for the centrifuge.

Military members who are interested and meet the qualifications will earn hazardous duty pay, which is currently \$150 per month. Volunteers must meet Air Force body fat or height/weight standards, be at least 18 years of age, and be able to pass an appropriate physical exam. Call Tech. Sgt. Dora Caniglia at 536-3847.

Asian-Pacific Heritage Month activities



Photo by Rudy Purificato

Filipino folk dance

Tech. Sgt. Mario Abejero, of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, and his wife Rene, perform a traiditonal Filipino folk dance called Konan at the Brooks Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Luncheon May 30.

Coloring contst

Several youngsters participated in the Brooks Asian-Pacific Heritage Coloring Contest in May. Contestants were asked to color a fish, an Asian girl or draw Lucy Lui. There were three age categories with a winner chosen from each: kindergarten to grade 1, grade 2-3 and grades 4-5.

Winners were:
— Jicayla Johnson- (grade 2) - colored fish
— Tre' Dabney - (grade 1) - colored Asian girl
— Ashlee Betche - (grade 4) - drew Lucy Lui
Winners and their parents received a free lunch at the Asian-Pacific Luncheon May 30 at the Brooks Club.

The competition was sponsored by the Brooks Asian-Pacific Heritage Committee and coordinated with the base youth center.

The goal of the heritage month was "to nurture an appreciation and understanding of Asian and Asian-American culture and to recognize the rich contributions of Asian and Asian Americans."

Air Force releases technical, master sergeant promotion list, rates

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE (AFPN) — The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle.

The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's already record showing of 27.64 percent.

The Air Force released the promotion lists Thursday.

The complete list of selectees will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page by 4:30 p.m. today at :

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

"This year's promotion announcement kicks off a great summer season for more than 19,000 of the Air Force's finest (noncommissioned officers)," Air Force Personnel Center officials said. "Never in our history has there been a better opportunity for highly qualified individuals to earn that next stripe."

As evidenced by the record setting technical sergeant promotion rate and the high selection percentage to master sergeant, advancement opportunity abounds

for those willing to put forth the effort both on their jobs and while preparing for promotion exams, officials said.

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are partly a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," officials said. "The primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of 'Top Five' NCOs, previously at 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, now headed toward 56 percent over the next few years."

People who tested are expected to receive their scores in mid-June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their peers.

Brooks selectees

The following Brooks technical sergeants were selected for promotion to master sergeant. This list is broken down by organization:

To Master Sergeant
311th Human Systems Wing
Douglas Ochodnický

311th Air Base Group
Anthony Dandrea
James Green

311th Medical Squadron
Theron Briggs

311th Communications Squadron
Thomas Miller
Julius Wilson

U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine
John Bean
Apolinar Bernal
Ted Burgess
Timothy Ferrell
Kristie Robinson
Vicki Seal
Michael Seguin

Air Force Research Laboratory
Lee Brooks
Robert Eshelman
Allen York

Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health
Risk Analysis
Marty Baugher
James Jarbeau
Aaron Sinclair
Lucinda Sinclair

Air Force Medical Support Agency
David Harmon

311th Human Systems Program Office
David Yandon

The following Brooks staff sergeants were selected for promotion to technical sergeant. This list is broken down by organization:

To Technical Sergeant:
311th HSW
Eddie Galan
Patrick Longe

311th ABG
Michael Brown
Kevin Kopp
Hector Navarro
Tracy Turner
Judith Watson

311th MDS
Timothy Anderson
Lori Elkins
Raymond Eisermann

311th Security Forces Squadron
Michael Clancy

311th CS
Bennett McKinney
Harry Southerland

68th Information Operations Squadron
Stephen Bullock
Carl Reeves
Jimmy Scott
Tracy Sullivan

USAFSAM
Alvin Johnson
Cory McClusky
Annette Reid
Shayne Riley
Michael Ryan
Ronald Sankeralli
Brian Seal
Gregg Brownlee

AFIERA
Donald Carbajal
Dean Kim
Christopher McClaren
Jack Selleneit

AFRL
Douglas Hardin
Patrick Kennedy

AFMSA
Shon Baker
Eduardo Correa
Larry Dotson
William Holtfort
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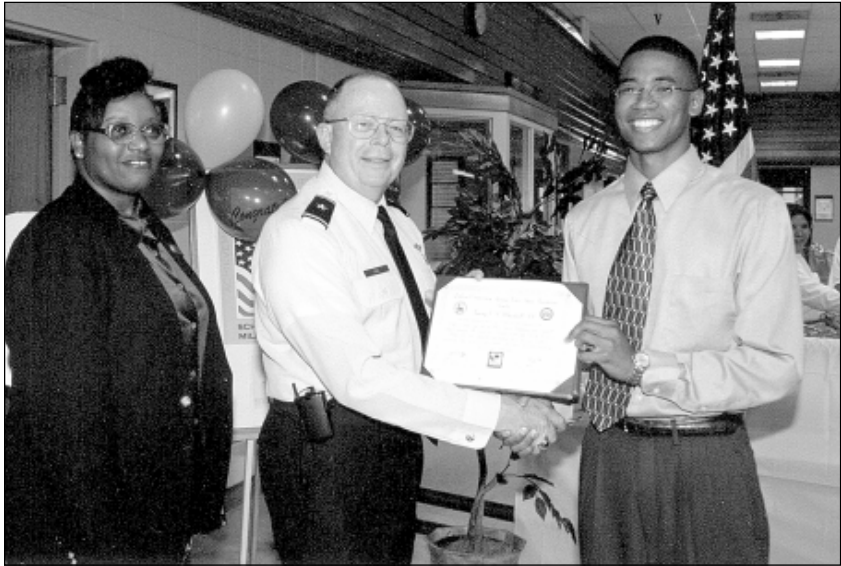


Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Tommy Marshall II receives scholarship congratulations from Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, and Yvonda Fletcher, Brooks Commissary store director.

Commissary awards scholarship

By Cerise Fenton
311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

In a recent ceremony at the Brooks Commissary, Tommy Marshall, II, son of Chief Master Sgt. Tommy and Myrna Marshall, secretary to the commander at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, was honored as the winner of a \$1,500 scholarship through the Scholarships for Military Children program.

The program was initiated last fall to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college enrolled students at more than 280 commissaries worldwide.

At least one \$1,500 award was planned per commissary but with more than 5,000 applicants and sponsor donations in excess of \$500,000, additional scholarships were available according to Defense Commissary Director Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr. The Fisher House Foundation, known for building and operating comfort homes

near military medical facilities, is administering the program.

Nearly 400 scholarships were awarded to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military members, including active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves for the fall of 2001. Students were required to have at least a 3.0 grade point average and were selected based on community and leadership activities, and an essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me."

"What does being a military dependent mean to me?" Marshall wrote. "In all honesty, it means everything I am now and everywhere I've been."

Marshall is currently a junior at Baylor University where he is majoring in mathematics and is an AFROTC flight commander. Upon graduation he will receive a commission.

"In just over a year, I will be a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, proud to be serving my country," he said.

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Courtesy photo

Riding the bus pays off

George Martinez, VIA Business Development specialist, presents prizes to Staff Sgt. Teea Fullen, of the 311th Medical Squadron's Dental Clinic. As part of VIA's inaugural bus service to Brooks in March, the company gave away 2,000 free ride coupons to base members. Those who rode the bus using the coupons were entered into a drawing. Fullen was the grand prize winner. She won dinner for two at a downtown San Antonio restaurant and gift certificates to the IMAX Theater.

June Enlisted Promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant Maria Perez Air Force Research Laboratory	Orlando Chapa 311th Security Forces Squadron	Linda Weaver 311th Medical Squadron
To Master Sergeant Marcus Griffin 311th Communications Squadron	Jeffrey Mylar U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine	To Airman First Class Atlanta Peterson USAFAM
To Technical Sergeant Andrey Barshay AFRL	To Staff Sergeant Hector Delaconcha Jr. Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis	To Airman Dianemonica Lalicán 311 MDS





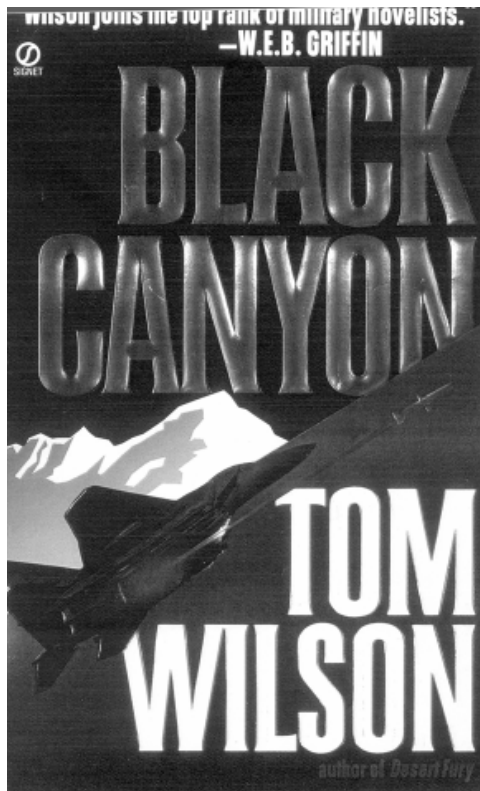
'Tom Clancy' of military authors visits Brooks friends, colleagues

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

He never imagined being a best-selling author of six novels, partly based on his adventures as an Air Force fighter pilot and combat veteran. Yet fate intervened for retired Lt. Col. Tom Wilson who is considered the 'Tom Clancy' of military authors.

Cradling a copy of his 1999 thriller *Black Canyon*, Wilson conveys an image of a seasoned author with weathered features and a contemplative demeanor. His piercing gaze has a mysterious allure, befitting a fiction writer.

"I occupy a different niche among military writers that my editor can't classify. My books are adventure-



thrillers, popular 20 years ago. Tom Clancy's books are techno-thrillers. Today, there are not many writers of adventure-thrillers," said the 61-year-old Texas resident who resides in the Big Thicket near Houston.

The longtime friend of retired Col. Nancy McDaniel, a 311th Human Systems Wing Business Development Office contractor, and her husband retired Col. Glenn Davis, Wilson is a true maverick.

This spirit of independence and self-reliance, common among fighter pilots, permeates Wilson's novels and was the source from which he earned four Silver Star medals for valor in combat. Cable TV's History Channel has featured Wilson's Vietnam 'suicide mission' exploits.

"I joined the military for adventure," admits Wilson, who on Independence Day 1956 enlisted in the Air Force. He eventually became a special weapons expert.

In 1961 Wilson completed Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base. "My right eye was bad, so I went to navigator school at Harlingen, Texas," he recalls. He graduated from Electronic Warfare Officer School at



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Retired Lt. Col. Tom Wilson
Military author

Mather AFB, Calif. in 1962.

By 1965, Wilson was a B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer "Wild Weasel." "I wasn't satisfied with military life, so I volunteered for the CIA's Air America missions," he said of the now declassified secret operations conducted throughout Southeast Asia.

He migrated from that adventure to F-105s, logging 100 combat missions. "Our mission was to destroy surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites." Wilson's duties involved locating SAM sites, then helping provoke the enemy into premature attacks.

"Our favorite tactic was to fly out in front to decoy SAMs. We'd dodge missiles." It wasn't a job with a lot of job security, for SAMs were radar-guided and traveled at Mach 3.5.

"Most of my friends were shot down. I was never shot down," Wilson said. His great satisfaction was in knowing he was helping save fighter pilots' lives by decoying missiles.

Wilson retired from the Air Force in 1979 to pursue a quiet life running a sporting goods store with his father in British Columbia, Canada.

Yet he pursued writing as a hobby, first practiced in journals lost in Vietnam.

His big break came in 1989 with a Bantam Books deal. "My first book was *Termite Hill* about combat in Vietnam. It was fiction based on a collection of experiences," he said.

This best seller was followed by *Lucky's Bridge*, another Vietnam saga. By then, Wilson realized he should stick with writing fiction. Says he, "Too many friends died. I couldn't write non-fiction."

He eventually switched publishers and began writing thrillers. *Black Wolf*, and its sequel *Final Thunder*, were departures for Wilson in style, but not in experience.

"It's about a Desert Storm fighter pilot involved in 'friendly fire' who rediscovers his Black Foot Indian heritage," says Wilson, who is part Choctaw.

Wilson has since evolved further as a writer. He now focuses much more on research and 'de-fictionalizing' fiction. "I try to write exactly as it had been," he says. His last three works in the adventure-thriller genre have secured Wilson's place as a one-of-a-kind author.

Desert Fury, released in 1997, focuses on a Nevada nuclear test accident; *Black Canyon* is an adventure-mystery set in Colorado's ski slopes. His newest book *North Woods Illusion* is an odd mixture of Native American, Mafia and Chinese elements.

Someday, he says, he plans to honor his friends who died in combat with a non-fiction book about Vietnam.

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Relax with friends and family today at the annual Brooks Picnic, 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., at the base picnic grounds!





Hayes

Q&A

FULL NAME:

Capt. Jason Thorin Hayes

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:

Primary care physician at Brooks Primary Care Clinic

WHAT IS MY JOB?:

I see patients — make sick people healthy.

BIRTHDAY:

March 24, 1969

HOMETOWN:

Manhattan, Mont.

FAMILY STATUS:

Married with three children

HOBBIES:

Home-brewing beer, downhill skiing, and reading theology and science fiction

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:

To brew the perfect beer — maybe a well-balanced porter, smooth with a hint of vanilla

ULTIMATE GOAL:

Medical missions

PET PEEVE:

People who chew ice

BOOK AT BEDSIDE:

About 12 of them — all on theology

I JOINED THE AIR FORCE:

for personal interest; I felt it was part of my civil duty.

INSPIRATIONS:

My wife, my children, my God

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Classical and contemporary Christian

FAVORITE ACTOR:

Harrison Ford

LAST MOVIE WATCHED:

Billy Elliot

FAVORITE CAR:

Chevy pickup

MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IS:

having children

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

the Bible.

Brooks Personality PROFILE

By Cerise Fenton

311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

It may be a once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet a down-to-earth Air Force physician who spends his free time studying theology and home-brewing beer.

Meet Capt. Jason Hayes, a primary care physician in the 311th Medical Squadron.

Although he was born in Los Angeles in 1969, he never really lived there. His family moved, a lot, he said, when he was young.

Home for him is the small town where his family settled when he was 7 years old — Manhattan, Mont. It's the kind of town where everybody knows everybody.

Hayes was on all of the athletic teams in high school, if only to make enough people for a team. He has fond memories of sweating through practices and warming the bench through games.

He was one of only 38 graduates in his high school class.



Between high school and medical school Hayes married his high school sweetheart, debated joining a seminary, considered the Air Force Academy, turned down ROTC scholarships, and entertained the thought of a career in engineering.

He graduated from Montana State University with a degree in microbiology and history and spent two years as a researcher. By then he had already realized that his heart was in applied science and knew he wanted to be a doctor. He was accepted to the University of Washington in Seattle.

A few years later during his residency in Wyoming Hayes again considered joining the Air Force. With the birth of his second child and the expenses of medical school it seemed the opportune time for him to join. He has already completed one year of his three-year obligation to the Air Force and it's been good for him and his family.

Hayes chose family practice for the diversity of the field. In his clinical rotations during residency he discovered that he enjoyed one discipline as much as the next, and in family practice he would see it all. He also liked the idea of treating the whole family, he said.

He grew up having a family doctor and liked the idea of seeing everyone from the newborn baby to the grandfather.

"You deliver a baby and then 10, 20 years from now you get to deliver her baby," he said. "It's the whole family feeling."

Air Force doc enjoys unique hobbies

Hayes may take that family concept back to Montana to open his own clinic and practice as a small-town doctor. On the other hand, staying in the Air Force and doing an overseas tour also has a certain appeal.

If he does stay for another tour he'll likely stay until retirement. Figuring out what he wants to do with his life is one of his short-term goals, he joked.

As long as he's practicing medicine he'll be happy. It isn't just a job, he said, medicine is his calling, and he truly loves doing what he's doing.

No matter where he ends up, Hayes hopes to retire early enough to travel on medical missions. Even if he won the lottery, he'd just do the missions sooner.

At this point, Hayes is enjoying his career, and his wife and three children. Family is very important to him, he said.

The captain fills his life with church activities, as much reading as he can squeeze in, and, since he and his wife recently bought a new house, a lot of home improvement-type projects.

Texas wasn't anywhere on his wish list, he said, but he and his wife have discovered they really like it here.

Despite his full schedule Hayes somehow finds time for his hobby — home-brewing beer. Although he doesn't really drink the concoction, he loves to make it. It's a science, too, he said.

While he's figuring out what he wants to do with his life he'll

be busy trying to brew the perfect beer.

Perhaps Hayes will include the recipe for perfect beer in the book he plans to write one day. Although he doesn't know exactly what the book will be about it will have to somehow incorporate medicine, theology and the science of home-brewing beer, he said.

Keep your eyes open. The book, like the doctor may be one-of-a-kind.

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— Capt. Jason Hayes
311th Medical Squadron



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez

More than 100 participants in the 5K Fun Run/Walk wind their way through the base with the Brooks nurses leading the way.

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Ramirez, of the 311th Security Forces Squadron, gets her blood pressure checked by Sue Sarran, a registered nurse in the 311th Medical Squadron, at the Health Fair.



Nurses' Appreciation Day May 23, 2001

By Maj. Nancy Dezell

Brooks Nurses' Appreciation Day project officer

The 311th Human Systems Wing's Nurses' Appreciation Day was a resounding success in celebrating the uniqueness of the 30 nurses at Brooks performing many non-traditional nursing jobs in support of the wing mission.

Festivities included a 5K Fun Run/Walk and Health Fair co-sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center in

conjunction with Employee Health Day. More than 100 runners and walkers participated in the event and received commemorative T-shirts. Capt. Risa Riepma, HAWC Director, said the route was reversed this time to add variety from previous runs.

More than 150 people enjoyed the 20 plus informational displays, demonstrations, and health screenings. Participants received blood pressure readings, glucose, and cholesterol screening tests. A history display highlighted writings by early nurses Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton and chronicled nurses'

wartime participation. Health displays were presented by base and community agencies

The "Showcase of Brooks Nursing" tours were conducted at the Systems Program Office, Davis Hyperbaric Laboratory, Air Force Research Laboratory, Population Health Office, and U.S. School of Aerospace Medicine to highlight the contributions of nurses working in these unique areas. The day culminated with a cake and punch reception for the nurses and their colleagues in the Hanger 9 annex.

There are more than 2.7 million nurses in the United States with more than 4,000 in the Air Force. Nurses' Appreciation Week was May 6-12, but was celebrated on May 23 at Brooks due to the temporary duty status of more than half the nurses during that week.



A reception was held in Hangar 9 annex featuring this large cake in honor Nurses' Appreciation Day

Capt. Troy Kennedy, of the U.S. School of Aerospace Medicine, explains the use of a hyperbaric chamber to treat seriously ill patients during a nursing tour of the Davis Hyperbaric Laboratory.



Staff Sgt. Tracy Washington, of the 311 MDS, helps Capt. Imelda Catalasan, 311th Human Systems Wing executive officer, walk a straight line while wearing 'intoxication simulation' goggles. The goggles are used to enhance community awareness for the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Program



Sonja Morales leads a workout demonstration at the fitness center as part of the Employee Health Day / Nurses' Appreciation Day Health Fair.



Deputy SG tapped for leadership role at TMA

By Leigh Anne Bierstine

Air Force Surgeon General
Public Affairs

Despite his two stars and a large office cozily situated next to “the boss”, Air Force Deputy Surgeon General, Maj. Gen. Randy Randolph, takes a humble approach to his role in the military healthcare system.

“Doing the day-to-day work at home while the boss is on the road trying to carry the flag - that has been my job,” Randolph said in an interview a few days after it was announced he would be the new deputy executive director of the TRICARE Management Activity headquartered in Falls Church, Va.

Beginning July 1, the general will assist the executive director in overseeing the Defense Department’s managed health care program.

TMA’s 400 employees are responsible for ensuring the availability of quality, accessible health care for active duty members, their families, retirees and others who are eligible.



Randolph

Topping Randolph’s list of priorities once he arrives at TMA is the October 1 rollout of TRICARE for Life — the congressional mandate that ensures military medical care to those retirees over 65.

“We have to be able to deliver what is deliverable and be able to market the progress of what is not yet deliverable in such a way that our retirees will know that programs are still on target,” he said. “This is my number one priority and if we don’t get it right as a corporation we could be in real trouble.”

A close second is Randolph’s commitment to maintaining the alliance of the service deputy surgeons general.

“We must divorce ourselves from policy,” he said. “Whatever decisions our leadership at TMA and at Health Affairs make in conjunction with the service SGs, it is going to be our job to see that it works.”

The general also hopes to carry with him the ability to take peacetime healthcare and place it in its proper perspective to medical readiness. To him, this means continually placing the need for medical readiness in front of his service counterparts when discussing the budget and other healthcare issues.

Brig. Gen. James G. Roudebush will succeed Randolph as the new Air Force deputy Surgeon General July 1. Roudebush is currently the Command Surgeon, U.S. Transportation Command and Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

1,500 Air Force members owe Social Security

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — About 1,500 Air Force people have been overpaid due to under collection of Social Security withholding of FICA and Medicare.

This problem affects people who had adjustments to base pay, such as promotions, demotions, longevity increases, forfeitures and the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

The problem was created with last year’s tax release to the Defense Joint Military Pay System and has recently been fixed, Defense Finance Accounting Service officials said. Amounts of overpayments ranged from pennies to \$1,700.

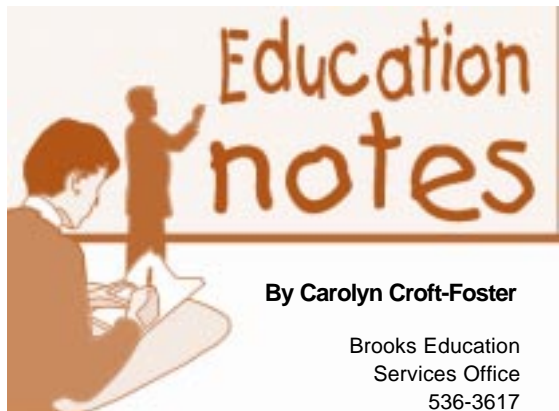
The overpayments, which affect all services, may not be waived and must be paid back. DFAS will reduce the end-of-month May

pay of about 700 people who owe \$120 or less.

The remaining, about 800 people, will have the shortfall prorated and deducted from their end-of-month pay for June, July and August. DFAS officials realize this may create a financial hardship for some people and will work those repayments on a case-by-case basis.

A small percentage of people had more money withheld than required. This money will be added back in their end-of-month May pay.

In addition to the problem with 2001 taxes, about 140 people had incorrect FICA taxes for 2000. Officials say these amounts were much smaller, but still must be corrected. These overpayments will be corrected once DFAS processes and corrects 2001 taxes.



By Carolyn Croft-Foster

Brooks Education
Services Office
536-3617

For more information, call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment.

ACSC, AWC seminars

Recruitment is beginning for the Air Command and Staff College and Air War College non-resident seminars. ACSC enrollment is open to major selects and above and GS-11s and above. Registration forms are available at the Education Services.

AWC enrollment is open to lieutenant colonel selects and above and GS-13s and above. Registration forms are available on the AWC home page: www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrolppr.htm and should be brought to Education Services for processing.

Seminars are expected to begin at the end of July. For more information visit Education Services, Bldg. 570-C or call 536-3617.

University reps visit Brooks

The University of Texas at San Antonio, Southwest Texas State University, Park University, Texas A & M—Kingsville, St. Mary’s University, Webster University, Wayland Baptist University, Our Lady of the Lake, and the University of Incarnate Word send representatives to Brooks on a regular basis. Any member of the Brooks community may schedule an appointment with these representatives by calling 536-3617. Students unsure of which program to begin can visit with a counselor by calling 536-3617.

Excelsior College exams

Students wishing to take an Excelsior College Essay Exam (formerly Regents College) on Aug. 3 need to request their exam by June 15. Regular CLEP and DANTES tests are available at 8 a.m. Fridays by appointment only. Call 536-3617 to reserve a seat or order an exam.

AEF scholarship

The Aerospace Education Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarship again this year to an active duty full time Air Force Association member who is pursuing a master’s degree in a non-technical field. To be eligible the Air Force member must be a current member of the AFA. Deadline for applications is June 30 (postmarked) and the scholarship



SPORTS SHORTS

Volksmarch

The Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club presents an American Volkssport Association sanctioned 10K walk June 15. Start point is Beethoven Mannerchor Halle Und Garten at 422 Pereida Street in San Antonio.

Start time is between 4 and 6 p.m. with finish time at 9 p.m.

The event is free unless participants desire an award from previous Roadrunner events.

Walkers 12 years and younger who complete the walk will receive a free award of their choice from the display board.

For more information, call Margie Camps at (210) 647-1324 or through e-mail at: Randroad@flash.net. Or write the Randolph Roadrunners at P.O. Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.

Kelly Golf Classic

There's still room for a few more individuals and teams at the Kelly Forever Golf Classic, July 12 at the Kelly and Lackland Air Force Base Golf Courses.

The Florida Scramble shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. Individual entry fee is \$50. Deadline to sign up is June 29.

For more information contact Larry Cheever at 925-7234 or e-mail at: larry.cheever@kelly.af.mil and Morgan Hampton at 362-7832 or e-mail at: morgan.Hampton@kellyusa.com.

The golf tournament is sponsored by Kelly AFB, Kelly Field Heritage Foundation and the Greater Kelly Development Authority to commemorate the transition of Kelly as a traditional military base to an industrial center — Kelly USA. Kelly will officially close July 13 after 85 years of service.



Sports

Fitness center's face-lift part of major renovation

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

While there are no plans to include state-of-the-art health spa amenities, the fitness center nonetheless is undergoing a major renovation that will dramatically improve its capabilities.

On June 1, Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, and 311th Air Base Group commander Col. Terry Nelson officially opened the renovated men's locker room during a ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating Phase I completion of the \$469,000 renovation project.

"There are five phases in the renovation project," said George Garcia, 311th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager. He said the project is designed to improve morale and welfare through quality of life upgrades that will make the fitness center more functional for active duty men, women and civilians.

"The fitness center was built in 1982 using 1970s design ideas," Garcia said. These old designs, he explained, did not fully support the needs of female and civilian patrons. Rick Sinkfield, an Air Force Center of Environmental Excellence architect, provided the original design for the project that will eventually renovate between 6,000 and 7,000 square feet of space.

MCC Construction Corporation of Denver, Colo. is the project's prime contractor. Larry Rieger, MCC's quality control superintendent, said the project should be completed by the end of October.

Phase I replaced six individual showers in the men's locker room with three multi-head gang showers that can accommodate 12 people simultaneously. Former 12-inch-wide metal lockers have been replaced with 15-inch-wide plastic lockers totaling 136. Other changes include improved lighting and the addition of ceiling fans.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander (left), Col. Terry Nelsen, 311th Air Base Group commander, and Services officials officially open the newly renovated men's locker room at the Brooks Fitness Center, June 1.

Phase II, which is already underway, will convert a former visiting team locker room to an improved men's locker room including toilet facility upgrades. Phase III will create a civilian men's distinguished visitors locker room featuring separate shower and toilet facilities. Phase IV, scheduled to begin in late August, will renovate the women's locker room with improved lockers, lighting, toilet facilities and the addition of ceiling fans. The individual shower configuration will remain the same, but new shower fixtures will be added. Phase V will create a separate civilian women's distinguished visitor locker room.

Garcia said this project is part of the fitness center master plan that upgrades facilities lasting the next 20

years. "I think this has been long overdue. While our customers will be a little inconvenienced during construction, the overall results will be fantastic," said Roy Conaster, fitness center director.

The last time fitness center improvements were made was 1991 when the vinyl gym floor was replaced with a wooden surface and the original one-story weight room was converted into a two-story multi-use space that now features aerobics/cardiovascular fitness areas.

Garcia said future plans include connecting the HAWC to the fitness center with a covered walkway, planned for 2004.

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Dixon 'on the ball' in new sportswriter career

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

He has yet to achieve the reputation of Hall of Fame sportswriter Grantland Rice, but he's fast becoming known in the world of basketball officiating as a sportswriter with a full court press-like zeal.

In the sports officials' profession where verbal communication is valued much more than the written word, Col. Jim Dixon is a rarity.

"I'm not as erudite as (columnist) George Will who I admire, but I have a way with words," said Dixon, Davis Hyperbaric Laboratory hyperbarics chief.

Since September, Dixon has been the basketball content editor for Officiating.Com, an Internet web site whose primary audience is sports officials.

"The purpose of the web site is to provide information that will help educate sports officials," he said, explaining that there is very little literature

available that provides officials with rules application to actual game situations.

Established by entrepreneur Texas sports officials, the website has become popular because it features commentary and rules situations gleaned through interviews with officials worldwide in various sports at levels ranging from amateur to professional.

Interviews with such veterans as NBA official Joey Crawford and Don Rutledge, superintendent of officials for the WNBA, have given the website credibility.

Dixon pens several articles per week while editing stories from several sources. "One of my best writers is Todd Warnick from Jerusalem, Israel, who is a professional referee with the Euro League. I bounce a lot of ideas off him." Dixon is also the website's managing editor for hockey, wrestling and volleyball.

He was tapped for the job, in part, because of his reputa-

tion as a basketball referee. For years, Dixon has gained a lot of experience calling high school and college games as a member of the Texas Association of Sports Officials. However, it was his contributions to Internet basketball discussion boards that caught the attention of Officiating.Com owners.

"I have an ability to bring major points to a logical conclusion that is convincing," he said, referring to his responses to discussion board participants whose opinions were often not founded on the best practices of basketball rules and good logic.

Dixon admits, "If I had not developed my communications skills in the Air Force, I would never have gotten this job."

While he is a novice sportswriter/editor, he truly believes he has found his niche in fulfilling a void. "Every week we have between two to five officials write us wanting to contribute to the web site. There's a lot of wannabes," he said,



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Sports writer

explaining that most of them never produce even one story. "We have the challenge of finding people with experience as

officials who can contribute on a weekly basis to help officials learn," he said.

Future web site plans involve expanding the audience to include coaches, who Dixon says possess valuable information and insight in such areas as how they think and what they expect of sports officials.

Besides his web site writing duties, Dixon is a soon-to-be-published author of a book on basketball. Begun in 1997 as the first installment in a series, Dixon hopes his *Best Practices of Basketball Officiating* will further enlighten current and future officials.

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Dixon's motivation is helping officials learn to be better officials.

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Air Force sports

Lackland AFB holds muscle mania finals

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE (AETCNS) — Weightlifters and bodybuilders flexed their muscles May 19 to decide who would come out on top during the finals of the inaugural Air Education and Training Command Muscle Mania competition held at Arnold Hall Community Center.

The event was divided into three competitions: powerlifting, bench press and bodybuilding.

According to organizers, AETC is the first to conduct such a fitness competition.

"We believe this is the first time any major command has done a command-wide bodybuilding, powerlifting and bench press competition," said Darlene Price of AETC Services, who was program director for Muscle Mania.

Attendance at the competition was open to the public, and about 500 spectators watched the festivities, said Price. In addition to the "muscle" events, the program included health and wellness vendors, an Air Force Recruiting exhibit, and fitness and martial arts demonstrations.

Muscle Mania was a successful troop morale booster, an Air Force retention tool, and it served to reinforce fitness as a life-enhancing pursuit, said Les Coalson, Deputy Director of AETC Services.

Twenty-seven military winners from competitions held at AETC bases in October, November and December competed in the May finals at Lackland, said Price.

Athletes listed from bases outside AETC were TDY to the command for training at the time of their qualifying competitions.

The powerlifting winners were determined by the highest combined weight for squat, bench press and dead lift.

Dru Amos of Maxwell AFB, Ala., hoisted a total of 790 pounds to win the women's division. Rodney Hudson from Robins AFB, Ga., took first place in the men's lightweight division with a 1,235-pound total, and Howard Gaddis of Maxwell won the men's heavyweight title with a combined weight of 1,600 pounds.

In the bench press event, Joelane Lindberg of Laughlin AFB, Texas, took top honors with a lift of 155 pounds. Quadron Smith from Maxwell captured the men's lightweight prize with a lift of 355 pounds, and Howard Gaddis of Maxwell placed first in the men's heavyweight division with a lift of 475 pounds.

The bodybuilding competition consisted of three posing events: symmetry, free and mandatory.

Judges from the National Physique Committee picked the winners. Lori Smith from Randolph AFB, won the women's division and David Henry of Dyess AFB, Texas, won the men's division.

Winners received sculptured statue trophies.

AETC Services officials have not yet determined if Muscle Mania will be a recurring event.



Courtesy photos

Dru Amos of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., gets ready to hoist the bar during women's powerlifting competition. She placed first in the event.



Howard Gaddis of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., prepares for a lift en route to his first place finish in the men's heavyweight powerlifting event.

Woman boxer gets back to work after debut defeat

By Perry Jenifer

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS) — Like Rocky, the Sylvester Stallone character in the Academy Award-winning film of 25 years ago, Supria Calvert entered the ring at Point Cadet Plaza on May 19 with no illusions.

"I didn't expect to win," said the recent graduate of the 335th Training Squadron's weather observer course at Keesler of her first amateur fight. "I was more worried about how I would handle it (losing)."

The 125-pound bout was scheduled for three rounds. At the end of the second two-minute round, Denver Anderson, Calvert's coach, threw in the towel, conceding the fight to the relentlessly aggressive Texan in the opposite corner.

"After training for more than a year, Supria needed to take that next step, break through that wall between working out in the gym and a real fight," Anderson explained. "She did that. She didn't need to do more."

"The first round was OK," she recalled. "I moved, used my jab. I felt good."

About the middle of the second round, the Texan



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Four nights a week, Supria Culvert works out at the Biloxi Boxing Club skipping rope, shadow boxing, punching the heavy and speed bags, having a medicine ball slammed into her midsection and sparring with her coach or one of a dozen or so fighters he trains.

turned up the heat. Calvert was scalded by the aggressiveness of the assault.

"A sparring partner comes at you for a while, then backs off or stops," she explained. "This was so different. She kept coming at me and coming at me. I couldn't think, couldn't remember anything I learned in the gym. I froze."

Two days after enduring "the agony of defeat," the 23-year-old native of Thailand who expects to become an American citizen this fall was back in the gym, a damp,

dimly lighted shed behind the site of her debut.

Calvert's work ethic includes jogging 11 miles three days a week and 3-5 miles the other four, running wind sprints and lifting weights four times a week, and two hours in the gym four times a week skipping rope, shadow boxing, punching the heavy and speed bags, having a medicine ball slammed into her midsection and sparring with Anderson or one of the dozen or so male fighters he trains.

